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TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. WASHINGTON HEIGHTS – DAY

(A TINY RED SCOOTER DRIVES THROUGH MANHATTAN TRAFFIC. ON THE BACK IS A GIANT MICROPHONE)

HOST (V.O.)-1

When you think of sex symbols, you probably don't picture a four-foot-seven Jewish grandmother with a German accent.

CUT TO:

(THE SCOOTER PULLS UP IN FRONT OF THE CEDAR PARK CEMETERY)

HOST (V.O.)-2

But for millions of Americans, Dr. Ruth Westheimer changed the way we talked about sex. She survived the Holocaust, trained as a sniper, earned a doctorate, wrote forty-five books, and somehow became America's favorite sex therapist.

EXT. CEDAR PARK CEMETERY – GRAVESITE - DAY

(A SMALL SPEAKER IS ATTACHED TO DR. RUTH’S HEADSTONE)

DR. RUTH-3

When it comes to sex, the most important six inches are the ones between the ears.

HOST-4

And that is why she was the only woman in America who could say "oral sex" and sound like your grandmother reading a bedtime story. (TO CAMERA) Today, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, coming right up.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

EXT. CEDAR PARK CEMETERY – GRAVESITE - DAY

HOST-5

Hello, I'm Steven Kunes coming to you from the Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, New Jersey. Welcome to “Over My Dead Body,” the talk show that brings to life the most interesting people from our history and culture. Today's guest survived Nazi Germany, trained as a sniper in Israel, worked as a maid in New York, earned a doctorate at age forty-two, and became America's most famous sex therapist. Live from the Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, New Jersey, please welcome Dr. Ruth Westheimer.

DR. RUTH-6

Thank you. And please don't call me Mrs. Westheimer. Nobody ever called Johnny Carson "Mr. Carson."

HOST-7

Fair enough. Dr. Ruth, let's start at the beginning. You were born in Germany in 1928.

DR. RUTH-8

Yes. Back then people worried about inflation. Little did they know Nazis were coming.

HOST-9

Your father was arrested after Kristallnacht.

DR. RUTH-10

I still remember watching him being taken away. I was only ten years old. I never saw him again.

HOST-11

Almost immediately your family sent you away on the Kindertransport to Switzerland.

DR. RUTH-12

The hardest thing my parents ever did. The smartest thing, too.

HOST-13

You later learned they were murdered during the Holocaust.

DR. RUTH-14

Yes. But here's what I want people to remember. Hate is not history. It can come back. That's why people must speak up.

HOST-15

Most people know you as a sex therapist. They don't know you were basically a tiny Jewish Rambo.

DR. RUTH-16

(LAUGHS)

I was only four-foot-seven. With a rifle I was a smaller target.

HOST-17

You joined the Hagenah in what was, at the time, British controlled Palestine.

DR. RUTH-18

I learned to shoot, throw grenades, and assemble a rifle in the dark.

HOST-19

That is not the usual résumé for a therapist.

DR. RUTH-20

No. Usually therapists don't know seventeen different ways to kill you.

HOST-21

And you were seriously wounded during the war.

DR. RUTH-22

On my twentieth birthday. An exploding shell nearly took both my feet.

HOST-23

Most people would have stopped there.

DR. RUTH-24

Nonsense. I was too busy.

HOST-25

You moved to Paris.

DR. RUTH-26

Studied psychology at the Sorbonne.

HOST-27

Then came America.

DR. RUTH-28

And began cleaning other people's apartments.

HOST-29

You worked as a maid?

DR. RUTH-30

For seventy-five cents an hour.

HOST-31

Imagine hiring Dr. Ruth to clean your bathroom.

DR. RUTH-32

I was very thorough.

HOST-33

You eventually earned a doctorate.

DR. RUTH-34

At age forty-two.

HOST-35

At that age, most people are envisioning retirement.

DR. RUTH-36

I was envisioning foreplay.

HOST-37

And eventually you opened a sex therapy practice.

DR. RUTH-38

At a time when nobody wanted to talk about sex.

HOST-39

How difficult was that?

DR. RUTH-40

Very. Americans would discuss nuclear war before discussing orgasms.

HOST-41

Then came radio.

DR. RUTH-42

The show was called “Sexually Speaking.”

HOST-43

The station originally paid you twenty-five dollars a week.

DR. RUTH-44

Which was still more money than most of my dates spent on me.

HOST-45

Soon you were the number one radio show in New York.

DR. RUTH-46

Apparently, America had questions.

HOST-47

A lot of questions.

DR. RUTH-48

A shocking number of questions.

HOST-49

Such as?

DR. RUTH-50

How often should we have sex?

HOST-51

And your answer?

DR. RUTH-52

More often than you're having it now.

HOST-53

So now you're America's most famous sex therapist...

DR. RUTH-54

I prefer "sex educator."

HOST-55

Because therapist sounds too serious?

DR. RUTH-56

Because if they listened to me, they didn't need therapy anymore.

HOST-57

Your timing was perfect. America was entering the 1980s.

DR. RUTH-58

Big hair. Terrible fashion. Excellent decade.

HOST-59

You were talking openly about sex while everyone else was pretending they didn't know where babies came from.

DR. RUTH-60

I always found that strange. Everybody was having sex. Nobody wanted to discuss it.

HOST-61

Then your radio show exploded.

DR. RUTH-62

Yes. Suddenly everybody wanted advice.

HOST-63

What surprised you most?

DR. RUTH-64

How many people had the same problems.

HOST-65

Such as?

DR. RUTH-66

Communication.

HOST-67

That's it?

DR. RUTH-68

Most problems begin when one person wants sex and the other person wants to watch television.

HOST-69

That's very insightful.

DR. RUTH-70

No. That's marriage.

HOST-71

Soon you were appearing everywhere.

DR. RUTH-72

Johnny Carson. David Letterman. Magazines. Television.

HOST-73

People Magazine put you on the cover.

DR. RUTH-74

My mother would have been very proud.

HOST-75

And probably very confused.

DR. RUTH-76

Definitely confused.

HOST-77

You even appeared in movies.

DR. RUTH-78

I always wanted to be an actress.

HOST-79

You hosted television shows.

DR. RUTH-80

Wrote books.

HOST-81

Forty-five books. Including “Sex For Dummies” and “The Encyclopedia of Sex.”

DR. RUTH-82

My fingers still hurt.

HOST-83

You became one of the most recognizable people in America.

DR. RUTH-84

Not bad for a four-foot-seven Jewish refugee.

HOST-85

You once said your accent was too expensive to get rid of.

DR. RUTH-86

Speech lessons cost money.

HOST-87

And now people imitate it.

DR. RUTH-88

Life is funny.

HOST-89

You know what else is funny?

DR. RUTH-90

What?

HOST-91

The fact that America's sex expert sounded like she should be teaching kindergarten.

DR. RUTH-92

That is exactly why parents trusted me. By the way, in 1950, before I came to America, I taught kindergarten in Paris.

HOST-93

You made sex education approachable.

DR. RUTH-94

And fun.

HOST-95

And profitable.

DR. RUTH-96

Also fun.

HOST-97

Let's talk about some of your famous advice.

DR. RUTH-98

Oh dear.

HOST-99

You once said, "When it comes to sex, the most important six inches are the ones between the ears."

DR. RUTH-100

Still true.

HOST-101

And your famous catchphrase.

DR. RUTH-102

Get some!

HOST-103

You realize millions of grandmothers never said those words.

DR. RUTH-104

That's why they needed me.

HOST-105

You also said anything two consenting adults do in private is fine with you.

DR. RUTH-106

Assuming nobody gets hurt.

HOST-107

Even on the kitchen floor?

DR. RUTH-108

Especially on the kitchen floor.

HOST-109

Julia Child would have loved you.

DR. RUTH-110

I know. We probably would have written a cookbook together.

HOST-111

What would it be called?

DR. RUTH-112

Fifty Shades of Gravy.

HOST-113

I would buy that.

DR. RUTH-114

Everybody would buy that.

HOST-115

In your book “Dr. Ruth’s Guide to Erotic and Sensual Pleasures,” you wrote that women could do something to make performing oral sex on a man more enjoyable. Do you remember what you said?

DR. RUTH-116

Make believe it’s an ice cream cone.

HOST-117

Okay...let's take some calls.

DR. RUTH-118

Wonderful.

HOST-119

Caller number one is Darren from Santa Barbara, California.

You're on the air.

CALLER ONE (O.S.)-120

Hi Dr. Ruth. My wife says I never listen.

DR. RUTH-121

Then listen to her.

CALLER ONE (O.S.)-122

But she's not always right.

DR. RUTH-123

Does she think she's right?

CALLER ONE (O.S.)-124

Yes.

DR. RUTH-125

Then she's right.

HOST-126

That was efficient.

DR. RUTH-127

Thirty years of experience.

HOST-128

Caller number two is Casey from Sanford, Florida. Go ahead.

CALLER TWO (O.S.)-129

Dr. Ruth, what's the secret to a happy marriage?

DR. RUTH-130

Marry the right person.

CALLER TWO (O.S.)-131

Anything else?

DR. RUTH-132

Yes. Stay married to that person.

HOST-133

Simple enough.

CALLER TWO (O.S.)-134

We've been married twenty-two years.

DR. RUTH-135

Congratulations.

CALLER TWO (O.S.)-136

What's your best advice?

DR. RUTH-137

Keep talking.

CALLER TWO (O.S.)-138

About what?

DR. RUTH-139

Anything.

CALLER TWO (O.S.)-140

Anything?

DR. RUTH-141

Eventually you'll get to the important stuff.

HOST-142

And caller number three is Anthony from Savannah, Georgia.

CALLER THREE (O.S.)-143

Hi Dr. Ruth. I have a question.

DR. RUTH-144

That's usually how this works.

CALLER THREE (O.S.)-145

I read in an interview you gave that you like to look at the positive side of things.

DR. RUTH-146

That’s correct.

CALLER THREE (O.S.)-147

So I’m wondering given your rather short height of four feet, seven inches, if that has had any effect on your own sex life.

DR. RUTH-148

Let me put it this way: I never had to wear knee pads.

CALLER THREE (O.S.)-149

I see.

DR. RUTH-150

When life hands you lemons...

CALLER THREE (O.S.)-151

Yum yum.

DR. RUTH-152

Grow up.

CALLER THREE (O.S.)-153

Ouch.

DR. RUTH-154

You're welcome.

HOST-155

You know, Dr. Ruth, people often focus on your humor.

DR. RUTH-156

Humor helps people learn.

HOST-157

But your life wasn't always funny.

DR. RUTH-158

No.

HOST-159

You lost your parents during the Holocaust and spent years wondering why you survived.

DR. RUTH-160

I think many survivors ask that question.

HOST-161

Did you ever find an answer?

DR. RUTH-162

No. But I decided I had an obligation to live a good life.

HOST-163

And you certainly did.

DR. RUTH-164

I tried.

HOST-165

Late in life you became concerned about loneliness.

DR. RUTH-166

Very much so.

HOST-167

Why?

DR. RUTH-168

Because loneliness is dangerous. More dangerous than people realize. People need connection. Friendship. Family. Community. And yes, love.

HOST-169

You became New York's Loneliness Ambassador.

DR. RUTH-170

One of my favorite titles.

HOST-171

More than sex therapist?

DR. RUTH-172

Much more.

HOST-173

That's surprising.

DR. RUTH-174

Sex is important, but human connection is everything.

HOST-175

Beautifully said.

DR. RUTH-176

Thank you.

HOST-177

You've received countless awards.

DR. RUTH-178

Too many to dust.

HOST-179

Radio Hall of Fame.

DR. RUTH-180

Wonderful honor.

HOST-181

The German Order of Merit.

DR. RUTH-182

That one meant a great deal.

HOST-183

Your papers are now in the Library of Congress.

DR. RUTH-184

My children are impressed.

HOST-185

You had children.

DR. RUTH-186

Two wonderful children.

HOST-187

Grandchildren.

DR. RUTH-188

Four.

HOST-189

What was your greatest achievement?

DR. RUTH-190

My family.

HOST-191

Not the television shows?

DR. RUTH-192

Television is television.

HOST-193

Not the books?

DR. RUTH-194

Books are books.

HOST-195

Not changing the culture?

DR. RUTH-196

Family is forever.

HOST-197

I love that answer.

DR. RUTH-198

Good.

HOST-199

One final question.

DR. RUTH-200

Go ahead.

HOST-201

If you could leave our audience with one piece of advice, what would it be?

DR. RUTH-202

Do not waste time.

HOST-203

Meaning?

DR. RUTH-204

Tell people you love them.

HOST-205

That's it?

DR. RUTH-206

Yes.

HOST-207

No complicated formula?

DR. RUTH-208

Life is shorter than you think.

HOST-209

Anything else?

DR. RUTH-210

Read books.

HOST-211

Good advice.

DR. RUTH-212

Travel.

HOST-213

Excellent.

DR. RUTH-214

Have good friends.

HOST-215

Absolutely.

DR. RUTH-216

And for heaven's sake --

HOST-217

Yes?

DR. RUTH-218

Get some!

HOST-219

(LAUGHING)

There it is.

DR. RUTH-220

You knew it was coming.

HOST-221

I see we have one final caller. Actually, two callers.

DR. RUTH-222

Two?

HOST-223

Stacey and Lawrence, a married couple from Altoona, Pennsylvania. Newlyweds. Go ahead.

HUSBAND (O.S.)-224

Hi Dr. Ruth.

WIFE (O.S.)-225

Hello.

DR. RUTH-226

Why do you sound so far apart?

HUSBAND (O.S.)-227

Because we're in different bedrooms.

DR. RUTH-228

Different bedrooms? How long have you been married?

WIFE (O.S.)-229

Eight months.

DR. RUTH-230

Eight months? That's less time than it takes to grow a baby. Why are you sleeping separately?

HUSBAND (O.S.)-231

She says I snore.

WIFE (O.S.)-232

He does.

HUSBAND (O.S.)-233

She watches crime shows until three in the morning.

WIFE (O.S.)-234

They're educational.

DR. RUTH-235

Have you had sex recently?

(LONG SILENCE)

HOST-236

Uh oh.

HUSBAND (O.S.)-237

Not exactly.

WIFE (O.S.)-238

Our wedding gifts are still stacked in the dining room.

DR. RUTH-239

You still have unopened wedding gifts?

WIFE (O.S.)-240

Some of them.

DR. RUTH-241

This is an emergency!

HOST-242

A five-alarm marriage fire.

DR. RUTH-243

Do you love each other?

HUSBAND (O.S.)-244

Of course.

WIFE (O.S.)-245

Absolutely.

DR. RUTH-246

Good. Put down your phones.

HUSBAND (O.S.)-247

Now?

DR. RUTH-248

Yes, now.

WIFE (O.S.)-249

What are we supposed to do?

DR. RUTH-250

Walk to the kitchen.

HOST-251

The kitchen?

DR. RUTH-252

Everybody ends up in the kitchen.

HUSBAND (O.S.)-253

She's actually coming downstairs.

WIFE (O.S.)-254

He's actually standing up.

DR. RUTH-255

Excellent progress.

HOST-256

This is the most action we've had all season.

HUSBAND (O.S.)-257

Okay, we're both here.

WIFE (O.S.)-258

We're standing by the refrigerator.

DR. RUTH-259

Look at each other.

(LONG PAUSE)

HUSBAND (O.S.)-260

She's smiling.

WIFE (O.S.)-261

He's kind of cute when he's nervous.

DR. RUTH-262

Good. Now hug.

HOST-263

This is getting emotional.

WIFE (O.S.)-264

We're hugging.

HUSBAND (O.S.)-265

Actually, we're really hugging.

DR. RUTH-266

Wonderful. Now stop talking and start being married.

HOST-267

Dr. Ruth!

DR. RUTH-268

What? I'm ninety-six years old. I don't have time to waste.

(THE COUPLE LAUGHS)

Stacey, I want you to sit on the kitchen table with your legs hanging over the side. And Lawrence, treat her like it’s Thanksgiving and you haven’t eaten in days.

WIFE (O.S.)-269

Thank you, Dr. Ruth!

HUSBAND (O.S.)-270

Seriously, thank you!

DR. RUTH-271

You're welcome. Now hang up.

HOST-272

You just kicked them off the show.

DR. RUTH-273

Exactly. They have some serious catching up to do.

(BEAT)

(THROUGH THE PHONE WE HEAR LAUGHTER)

HUSBAND (O.S.)-274

Honey, should we finally open the toaster?

WIFE (O.S.)-275

I’ve got my own toaster right here!

HOST-276

Well, that's probably our cue.

DR. RUTH-277

I believe so.

HOST-278

You just saved a marriage.

DR. RUTH-279

No. They saved it. I just reminded them why they got married.

HOST-280

Dr. Ruth Westheimer, everybody.

DR. RUTH-281

And remember --

HOST-282

I know.

DR. RUTH-283

Get some!

HOST-284

(LAUGHING AND MOANS OF PLEASURE CAN BE HEARD IN THE BACKGROUND, INCLUDING “GOBBLE GOBBLE” TURKEY SOUNDS)

I'm Steven Kunes. We’ll see you again soon on the next episode of “Over My Dead Body.”

FADE OUT.

THE END

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MOTHER, OMI
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